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SUBJ: PRESS COMMENT ON U.S. BASES

1. MADRID DAILY "ABC" PUBLISHED SINGED LEAD ARTICLE
AUGUST 15 ENTITLED "THE BASES" RAISING FAMILIAR THEME
THAT U.S. BASES IN SPAIN REPRESENTED NET LIABILITY WITHOUT
ADEQUATE COMPENSATION.

2. ARTICLE CITED OPPOSITION IN INDIVIDUAL STATES OF
U.S. TO BASES WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS LOCATED NEAR POPULATION
CENTERS, NOTING AS A RESULT THAT U.S. BASES ARE LOCATED
IN DESERTED OR LIGHTLY POPULATED AREAS. ARTICLE FURTHER
POINTED OUT THAT BASES LOCATED OUTSIDE U.S. SIMILARLY
LOCATED NOTING HOLY LOCK WAS ROCKEY KEY 1000 MILES
FROM SCOTTISH COAST. DISQUIETING FACT WAS THAT U.S. NAVY
HAD THIRD BASE WITH "ATOMIC MATERIAL IN ROTA, THAT IS
TO SAY, ON THE DGE OF A BAY WHERE A FALF MILLION PEOPLE
LIVE..." IN ADDITION TO EXISTENCE OF BASES ITSELF WAS
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FACT THAT STATIONED THERE WERE POLARIS SUBMARINES WITH

NUCLEAR CARGO.

3. ARTICLE THEN MOVED ON TO THEME THAT WHILE ALL THIS WAS GOING ON AND AT TIME WHEN U.S. SHOULD BE DISPOSED FAVORABLY TOWARD SPAIN, U.S. INSTEAD ACTING DIFFERENTLY. THUS U.S. HAD ABSTAINED ON QUESTION OF GIBRALTAR AND LIKEWISE HAD SHOWN SURPRISING INDIFFERENCE ON ISSUE OF IMPORTATION OF SHOES AND OLIVE OIL "WITHOUT MENTIONING OTHER ACTS WHICH ARE NOT EXACTLY EFFUSIVE OR INGENUOUS."

4. ARTICLE THEN ASSERTED THAT TIMES HAD CHANGED SINCE 1953 AND THAT SPAIN HAD ACQUIRED OTHER VERY DIFFERENT PROSPECTS FROM THOSE FACING HER AT THAT TIME. QUESTION OF BASES AND AGREEMENTS WITH U.S. HAD NEVER BEEN PUT TO MAN IN STREET WHO ARTICLE SUSPECTED BELIEVED BASES REPRESENTED ONLY A BURDEN WITHOUT ADEQUATE COMPENSATION. ARTICLE ENDED ON NOTE THAT THERE WAS STILL TIME TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE EXPLANATION TO SPANISH PEOPLE ON MATTER OF SUCH GRAVITY.

5. RESUME OF ARTICLE APPEARED IN AUGUST 16 EDITION OF DAILY NEWSPAPER "YA".

6. AUTHOR OF ARTICLE IS EMILIO DE LA CRUZ HERMOSILLA, RETIRED FROM SPANISH NAVY AND DIRECTOR OF NEWSPAPER DIARIO DE CADIZV HE IS KNOWN TO HAVE ACQUAINTANCES AMONG U.S. NAVY OFFICER PERSONNEL STATIONED AT ROTA. RIVERO

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